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Report of the Female Medical Education Society, for its third year; containing the charter, constitution, by-laws, names of officers and members, together with information respecting the New England Female Medical College

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Boston University

R E P O R T

OF THE

FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY,

FOR ITS THIRD YEAR;

CONTAINING

THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, NAMES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,
TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION RESPECTING THE NEW ENGLAND
FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE.

B O S T O N :

PUBLISHED BY THE SOCIETY,

AND TO BE HAD GRATUITOUSLY OF THE SECRETARY, SAMUEL GREGORY, OR THE TREASURER,
JOHN P. JEWETT, AT THE BOOKSTORE OF JOHN P. JEWETT AND CO., 17 CORNHILL.

1852.

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. Timothy Gilbert, William I. Bowditch, and Samuel Gregory, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, for the purpose of providing for the education of Midwives, Nurses, and Female Physicians, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions, and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth and thirty-eighth chapters of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may hold, for the purpose aforesaid, real estate not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars, and personal estate not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars.

House of Representatives, April 29, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

ENSIGN H. KELLOGG, Speaker.

In Senate, April 30, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President.

April 30, 1850. Approved.

GEO. N. BRIGGS.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The object of this Society is to provide for and promote the education of Midwives, Nurses, and Female Physicians, and to diffuse among women generally a knowledge of physiology, and the principles and means of preserving and restoring health.

ARTICLE II.

To accomplish this object, the Society shall establish and maintain, in Boston, a Female Medical College, and, in connection with it, as soon as funds permit, a Hospital for the accommodation of charity and other patients, and to afford the pupils practice in the department of midwifery, in nursing the sick, and in the treatment of the diseases of women and children.

ARTICLE III.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Seven Directors, of which the three officers named shall be, ex-officio, members, — the President and Secretary of the Society being also President and Secretary of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.

The Officers shall be chosen annually, by ballot, at the yearly meeting of the Society; a majority of the votes cast being required to secure the election of the several candidates. The Officers shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their Board, and shall hold their office till others are appointed.

ARTICLE V.

There shall also be Seven Directresses, — to be appointed by the Directors; whose duty it shall be to assist in conducting the internal affairs of the Hospital, the selection of females proper to be admitted to its privileges and its charities; and in all suitable ways to aid in promoting the objects of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person may become a member of this Society, by subscribing, or directing his or her name to be affixed to the Constitution, and paying One Dollar; and continue a member by the payment of this sum annually. Any person may become a life-member by the payment of Twenty Dollars.

ARTICLE VII.

Members of the Society shall be entitled to copies of its Annual Reports, and any other documents designed for distribution ; and, on appointed days, to free access to the Institution, to examine its Library, Anatomical and Physiological Apparatus, and any other objects of interest that are, or may be accumulated.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the first Wednesday in October, and special meetings may be called by the Directors, when by them deemed necessary. All meetings shall be notified not less than seven days previous to the time of holding them, by advertising in not less than four newspapers published in Boston,—where the meetings of the Society shall be held.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Society, provided notice of intended amendments be given in the call of the meeting.

BY - LAWS .

THE PRESIDENT.

The President, and in his absence the senior Director present, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors.

DIRECTORS.

It shall be the duty of the Directors to attend to the Financial Affairs of the Society, the salaries of its Officers, the appointment and salaries of the Professors in the Institution, the appointment and remuneration of all agents and employees of the Society ; the approving of bills, and auditing of accounts ; the certificates of applicants for admission to the School ; the qualifications for admission and graduation ; the appointment of a Board of Examiners ; the conferring of Diplomas ; the appointment of the Directresses, and the supervision of their proceedings ; and, generally, to conduct all the affairs of the Society and the Institution, and present a Report of the same at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep a full and faithful record of the doings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors, in separate books ; and

shall present a report of each respective meeting at the next meeting of the Society, or of the Directors. He shall keep a list of the names and residences of the members and donors; shall notify all meetings of the Society and of the Directors, as may be ordered by the latter; and shall perform whatever other services may be required of him by the Directors, for promoting the objects of the Association.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall give bonds in such form and in such amount as the Board shall require, and shall receive and safely keep all moneys entrusted to his care, and disburse the same as prescribed by the Directors. He shall have charge of all funds and property, of whatever nature, belonging to the Society; and shall keep a faithful record of its property, its receipts and expenditures; and shall present an audited account of the same at the Annual Meeting of the Society, or at any meeting of the Directors, when by them requested. The books kept by the Secretary and Treasurer shall at all times be open to the inspection of any of the Officers of the Society.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS.

A meeting of the Directors shall be held on the first Monday of each month, and a majority shall constitute a quorum. Special meetings may be called by the Secretary, when requested thereto by the President, or by a majority of the Directors. A written notice of each meeting shall be sent to each Director by the Secretary, at least one day previous to the time of holding the meeting.

DIRECTRESSES.

It shall be the duty of the Directresses to assist in conducting the internal affairs of the Hospital, the selection and admission of patients, the collection of funds, and in all suitable ways to coöperate with the Directors in promoting the objects of the Society. To aid in the performance of the duties thus devolving upon them, the Directresses may appoint from their own number a President and Secretary, and hold meetings of their Board, or of the female members of the Society. They may also make arrangements to have lectures, or courses of lectures, on physiology, hygiene, &c., delivered by the Professors in the College, or by other persons, to the ladies of the Society, and any others they may admit. The proceedings of all meetings of ladies of the Society, and of the Directresses, shall be recorded by their Secretary, and a report of the same be presented to the Directors when by them requested.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Society, provided notice of intended amendments be given in the call of the meeting.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

TIMOTHY GILBERT.

SECRETARY.

SAMUEL GREGORY.

TREASURER.

JOHN P. JEWETT.

DIRECTORS.

TIMOTHY GILBERT.	SAMUEL E. SEWALL.
LEMUEL SHATTUCK.	DEXTER S. KING.
WILLARD SEARS.	SAMUEL GREGORY.
JOHN P. JEWETT.	

LIFE MEMBERS.

[Fee of Life Membership, \$20.00.]

James Cheever,	<i>Boston.</i>	Levi B. Meriam,	<i>Boston.</i>
Jonas Chickering,	"	Henry Burr,	"
Timothy Gilbert,	"	T. O. H. P. Burnham,	"
Samuel Appleton,	"	Nathaniel C. Nash,	"
Jonathan Phillips,	"	Mrs. James Cheever,	"
Adam W. Thaxter,	"	" Timothy Gilbert,	"
Adam W. Thaxter, Jr.	"	" Josiah Quincy, Jr.	"
Charles Amory,	"	" Benj. D. Greene,	"
G. Howland Shaw,	"	" Aaron Baldwin,	"
N. C. Keep, M. D.	"	" Adam W. Thaxter,	"
Nathan Appleton,	"	" David C. Moseley,	"
Amos A. Lawrence,	"	Rodney French,	<i>New Bedford.</i>
Rev. Andrew L. Stone,	"	Mrs. Rodney French,	"
Francis Skinner,	"	" James Arnold,	"
Nathan Mathews,	"	" Joseph C. Delano,	"
Wm. H. Jameson,	"	" Jos. S. Tillinghast,	"
Wm. I. Bowditch,	"	" Philip Anthony,	"
George O. Hovey,	"	" Jos. Ricketson, 2d,	"

Stephen C. Phillips, *Salem*.
 Christopher Robinson, *Lynn*.
 Oliver M. Whipple, *Lowell*.
 Royal Call, M. D. "
 John P. Cushing, *Watertown*.
 Mrs. John Schouler, *W. Cambridge*.
 " Henry Y. Hill, "
 Samuel Philbrick, *Brookline*.
 Mrs. Samuel Philbrick, "
 " Stephen Salisbury, *Worcester*.
 George R. Russell, *W. Roxbury*.
 Rev. Luther Wright, *Woburn*.
 Mrs. Luther Wright, "
 " Timothy Bailey, *Malden*.

Mrs. Jacob Ide, D. D., (by a
 friend,) *Medway*.
 Edward B. Bigelow, *Grafton*.
 Alden S. Loud, *Abington*.
 Charles Hurd, *Londonderry, N. H.*
 Mrs. Charles Hurd, "
 Joel W. White, *Norwich, Ct.*
 Rev. Ezekiel Rich, *Deep River, Ct.*
 Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, *Hartford, Ct.*
 " Sarah J. Hale, *Philad., Pa.*
 " Almira Lincoln Phelps, Pa-
 tapsco Female Institute, *Md.*
 " Ann Chase, wife of the U. S.
 Consul, *Tampico*.

MEMBERS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

Annual Membership, \$1.00; which sum has been contributed by above three thousand persons since the Society was formed. The sums of less than \$5.00 are not here printed. Those who have paid \$5.00 or more can become Life members by increasing the amount to \$20.00, which, it is hoped, many will be pleased to do.

BOSTON.					
James Cheever,	\$50 00	William Amory,	10 00	Francis Alger,	5 00
Jonas Chickering,	50 00	Joshua Tucker, M. D.	5 00	Joseph Cotton,	5 00
Charles Amory,	50 00	Andrew Cunningham,	5 00	Peter Richardson,	5 00
Samuel Appleton,	25 00	Wm. H. Prescott,	5 00	Lee Claflin,	15 00
Jonathan Phillips,	20 00	Rev. A. H. Vinton, D.D.	5 00	Samuel G. Damon,	10 00
Timothy Gilbert,	20 00	Moses Grant,	5 00	S. G. Bowdler & Co.,	5 00
Wm. H. Jameson,	30 00	Wendell Phillips,	5 00	Joseph Whitney,	10 00
Wm. I. Bowditch,	20 00	Samuel R. Putnam,	10 00	Henry P. Fairbanks,	5 00
Adam W. Thaxter,	20 00	Jacob Sleeper,	5 00	J. B. Kimball, & Co.,	10 00
Adam W. Thaxter, Jr.	20 00	Nathaniel Dearborn,	5 00	Blanchard, Converse,	
Nathan Mathews,	20 00	Henry Rogers, Jr.	5 00	& Co.,	10 00
N. C. Keep, M. D.	20 00	Nathaniel Waterman,	5 00	James Read,	5 00
George O. Hovey,	20 00	Samuel G. Howe, M. D.	5 00	Wilkinson, Stetson, & Co.	5 00
G. Howland Shaw,	20 00	Rev. Edward N. Kirk,	5 00	Francis Skinner,	20 00
Nathan Appleton,	20 00	Edward B. Child,	5 00	Robert M. Mason,	5 00
Winslow Lewis, M. D.	10 00	William A. Brown,	5 00	Minot Tirrell,	5 00
Willard Sears,	10 00	Samuel Gilbert,	5 00	Emery B. Fay,	10 00
Frederic Tudor,	15 00	Simon G. Shipley,	5 00	Franklin King,	5 00
George B. Emerson,	5 00	Samuel Curtis,	10 00	Francis B. Fay,	10 00
Chas. Francis Adams,	5 00	M. D. Phillips,	5 00	Frank. B. Fay,	5 00
George H. Kuhn,	5 00	Emery Bemis,	5 00	Nathaniel C. Nash,	20 00
Rufus Choate,	5 00	Paran Stevens,	5 00	Oliver Eldredge,	5 00
Robert G. Shaw, Jr.	10 00	Tucker & Parker,	5 00	John P. Rice,	10 00
Amos A. Lawrence,	20 00	Josiah M. Jones,	15 00	Geo. P. Bowers,	5 00
Rev. Andrew L. Stone,	20 00	Nathaniel Hall,	5 00	Joseph Pratt,	5 00
Charles H. Mills,	5 00	Elijah C. Emerson,	5 00	William Adams,	5 00
Nathaniel I. Bowditch,	5 00	Elisha G. Tucker, M. D.	5 00	Gilman S. Low & Co.,	5 00
Francis Welch,	5 00	Daniel Cummings,	5 00	Charles H. Parker,	5 00
John H. Wilkins,	5 00	Milton A. Straw,	5 00	John Gove,	10 00
Thomas G. Cary,	5 00	William H. Wilson,	5 00	Thomas C. Amory,	5 00
Joel Nourse,	5 00	Levi B. Meriam,	25 00	Moses Mellen,	5 00
		John J. May,	5 00	T. P. Richardson,	5 00

Amos P. Tapley, 5 00
 Peter Silver, 5 00
 Albourne Oliver, 5 00

LOWELL.

Oliver M. Whipple, 30 00
 Royal Call, M. D., 25 00
 John Nesmith, 5 00
 John A. Knowles, 5 00
 Alexander Wright, 5 00

NEWBURYPORT.

Wm. B. Banister, Esq., 5 00
 William Reed, 5 00
 H. & T. C. Pearson, 5 00
 Charles Currier, 5 00
 E. H. & G. J. George, 5 00
 Stephen Isley, 5 00

CHARLESTOWN.

Charles Forster, 10 00

WORCESTER.

Stephen Salisbury, 10 00
 Alexander De Witt, 10 00
 Wm. T. Merrifield, 5 00
 Harrison G. Haven, 5 00
 Sarah Waldo, 5 00
 Henry Goulding, 5 00
 Mrs. Henry Goulding, 5 00
 " Elizabeth Salisbury, 30 00
 " Steph. Salisbury, 10 00
 " Philip Moen, 10 00

WOBURN.

Rev. Luther Wright, 20 00
 Mrs. Luther Wright, 20 00
 Oliver Bacon, 5 00
 Joseph Kelley, 5 00

DORCHESTER.

W. & T. Liversidge, 5 00
 Mrs. Richard Clapp, 5 00
 " Ebenezer Sumner, 5 00

MEDWAY.

Mrs. Jacob Ide, D. D.,
 (by a friend) 20 00
 Christopher Slocum, 5 00
 Clark Partridge, 5 00

ABINGTON.

Lucius Faxon, 5 00
 Alden S. Loud, 20 00

READING.

Timothy Temple, 5 00

MALDEN.

Wm. H. Richardson, 5 00
 John Sprague, 5 00
 Samuel Cox, 5 00

CABOT.

James W. Woodward, 5 00

WINCHENDON.

Mrs. Roanah Murdock, 5 00

MILTON.

Thomas Hollis, Jr., 5 00

CANTON.

Frederic W. Lincoln, 5 00

SOUTH WEYMOUTH.

Dr. Benj. Tirrell, 10 00

HOLLISTON.

Elias Bullard, Esq., 5 00
 Timothy Fisk, M. D., 5 00
 Geo. F. Daniels, 5 00
 D. Bucklin Fitts, 5 00

HOPKINTON.

Wm. Claflin, 5 00

BROOKLINE.

Samuel Philbrick, 30 00
 Mrs. Samuel Philbrick, 20 00
 Harrison Fay, 5 00
 Mrs. Harrison Fay, 5 00
 Jeremiah Hill, 5 00
 Augustus Aspinwall, 5 00
 Jesse Bird, 5 00

WATERTOWN.

John P. Cushing, 20 00

GRAFTON.

Hon. Edw. B. Bigelow, 20 00
 Mrs. Edward B. Bigelow, 5 00
 " E. J. Bigelow, 5 00
 " Elijah Kimball, 5 00
 " Charles Forbush, 5 00
 " O. T. Pratt, 5 00
 " B. W. Smith, 5 00
 Miss. E. E. Bruce, 5 00

WEST CAMBRIDGE.

Mrs. Oliver Wellington, 10 00
 " John Schouler, 20 00
 Henry Y. Hill, 20 00

CAMBRIDGE.

Edward Everett, 5 00
 Mrs. Andrews Norton, 5 00
 " H. W. Longfellow, 10 00
 " Jos. E. Worcester, 5 00

NEWTON.

Hon. Wm. Jackson, 5 00
 Samuel Hyde, 5 00

HARTFORD, Ct.

Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, 20 00

NORWICH, Ct.

Joel W. White, (Judge) 20 00

DEEP RIVER, Ct.

Rev. Ezekiel Rich, 20 00

PORTLAND, ME.

Neal Dow, (Mayor) 5 00
 Mrs. P. W. Morrill, 5 00
 " Edward Fox, 5 00

NEWPORT, R. I.

Mrs. George Jones, 5 00
 " C. T. Brooks, 5 00

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Mrs. Seth Adams, 5 00

NEW YORK.

Paschal B. Smith, 5 00
 Chas. John Falconer, 5 00

PETERBORO', N. Y.

Gerritt Smith, 10 00

LONDONDERRY, N. H.

Charles Hurd, 40 00
 Mrs. Charles Hurd, 20 00

NASHUA, N. H.

John H. Gage, 5 00

PHILADELPHIA.

Mrs. Sarah J. Hale,
 (Ed. Lady's Book,) 20 00
 Mrs. Edward Biddle, 5 00

MARYLAND.

Mrs. Almira Lincoln
 Phelps, 20 00

MEXICO.

Mrs. Ann Chase, (wife
 of the U. S. Consul,
 Tampico.) 20 00

DONATIONS FOR PURCHASING APPARATUS.

The following named persons have subscribed the sums specified for procuring, from Paris, Anatomical and Physiological Apparatus, Manikins, &c., for the Female Medical College.

Timothy Gilbert, Boston,	\$100 00	A Friend, Boston,	\$100 00
James Cheever, "	100 00	Mrs. Jas. Arnold, New Bedford,	100 00
Thomas H. Perkins, "	100 00	Stephen Salisbury, Worcester,	100 00
Frederic Tudor, "	100 00	Ichabod Washburn, "	100 00
Samuel Gregory, "	100 00	Samuel Philbrick, Brookline,	100 00
Amount,	- - - - -		\$1,000 00

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR CHEMICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL APPARATUS.

The Directors are desirous to provide a set of Apparatus for this department of instruction. Subscriptions to the following paper are solicited.

We, the undersigned, agree to pay the sums affixed to our names, for purchasing Chemical and Philosophical Apparatus for the N. E. Female Medical College, whenever the sums subscribed shall amount to One Thousand Dollars.

R E P O R T .

THE SOCIETY.

The Female Medical Education Society was organized November 23, 1848 ; and incorporated by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1850. The Act to incorporate the Society was reported by the Committee on Education, consisting of Charles W. Upham, (Chairman) and Amasa Walker, of the Senate, and Samuel A. Eliot, Erastus Hopkins, Asahel Bigelow, Nathaniel P. Banks, Jr., and Edward Cobb, of the House ; and, after a thorough investigation and a protracted debate, it passed the Senate with only four votes in the negative, and the House without a dissenting voice.

Something more than three thousand persons have made themselves annual members of the Society, and about sixty, life-members.

ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP. Persons becoming members by paying \$1, and continuing, if they choose, by repeating this sum annually, or constituting themselves life-members by the payment of \$20, have, in addition to the right of taking part in the management of the Society's affairs, and the satisfaction of aiding the cause, also the privilege of visiting the Institution, to examine its Library, Anatomical and Physiological Apparatus, and any other objects of interest that are or may be accumulated. They can also at any time, without fee, obtain Nurses by means of the Registry of Names kept at the Institution. Indeed, this is already becoming a frequented resort of the public. Nurses of the sick have been sent for from distant towns, and even from out of the State. Any of the donors who have paid \$5 or more can become life-members by paying the balance of the fee.

AGENTS. No one is an agent of this Society who cannot show a written certificate signed by the President and Secretary ; and such certificate is not authority beyond three months from its date, when it is required to be renewed. The only female employed is Mrs. Anna Goulding, whose residence is at the College building, and who has proved herself to be a very suitable and successful agent.

DIRECTRESSES. As the Constitution and By-Laws speak of Directresses and their duties, and the names of none appear in this Report, it may be proper to remark, that the Hospital spoken of not having yet been started, there has not appeared to be a special necessity of attending to their appointment. It is expected, however, that this part of the organization will ere long be completed, as the active coöperation of suitable women is almost indispensable to the progress and success of the enterprise.

The Directors have been reminded of this by the recent formation of a society of ladies in Philadelphia, by Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, who is its Secretary, and who, individually and through that association, is most efficiently coöperating with the friends of female medical education, both in building up the Female Medical College in that city, and in promoting the cause generally.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR, ENDING OCT. 1, 1851.

From fees of annual and life-members, and donations,	-	\$2179	00
From Tuition Fees,	- - - - -	588	00
From rent of part of the College building not occupied for the purposes of the Institution,	- - -	400	00
Total,	- - - - -	\$3167	00

EXPENSES. The above sum has been expended as follows:—

Rent of College establishment, including house, furniture, library, &c.,	- - - - -	\$1200	00
Taxes and water rent,	- - - - -	61	10
Paid to Lecturers,	- - - - -	415	00
Paid to Agents,	- - - - -	523	00
Edition of Annual Report,	- - - - -	96	00
Edition of Legislative Report,	- - - - -	41	00
Advertising terms, meetings, printing circulars, &c.,	-	144	49
For an article of apparatus, a sign, fuel, &c., stationery, postage, travelling fees, public lectures, and miscellaneous expenses,	- - - - -	298	01
The balance paid to the Secretary,	- - - - -	388	40
Total,	- - - - -	\$3167	00

The Treasurer would add, that though the Society has not yet accumulated a fund, it has experienced a remarkable degree of public favor in having been enabled, in this early period of its existence, to defray the expenses of carrying forward its operations, and laying the foundation for increased prosperity. The thousand dollars obtained for purchasing apparatus is not, of course, included in the above account, this subscription having been recently completed.

He would also express the hope that the condition of the Treasury may hereafter permit a better remuneration of the Secretary, who has given his exclusive attention to the objects of the Society, performing not only the duties of his office but those of an agent in collecting funds and attending to the miscellaneous duties relating to the Institution, the Society, and the promotion of the enterprise generally. For the first and second years of the Society his receipts were but about \$250 a year, and for a year and a half previous to the formation of the Society, he labored at his own expense.

JOHN P. JEWETT, *Treasurer.*

NEW ENGLAND FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE.

This institution commenced with the name of Boston Female Medical School, Nov. 1, 1848, and was, by the period of two years, the first establishment of the kind in the country. And three years previous to the above date some preparatory steps had been taken, as will be seen by the following paragraph from a pamphlet written by the person now Secretary of this Society, in November, 1845, and published in this city in the February following. It is here quoted because it is as much to the purpose now as it was six years ago :—

“There is demanded now, as formerly, a supply of female accoucheurs ; also a class of female physicians, qualified at least to attend to the peculiar complaints of their own sex. This demand has already brought among us a set of quack madames of unprincipled character, who, notwithstanding, have an immense practice, and are visited not by the vicious alone, but by the virtuous and intelligent, who consult them *because* they are females, and because they can, without reserve, unfold to them their cases. There are numberless instances in which a female of modesty will not consult a male physician ; and many have permitted their diseases to advance to an incurable extent before they could so far violate their delicacy of feeling, as to explain their case to a gentleman. They know, too, that their complaints can be better understood by a female, and consequently, if she happen to be qualified, be more properly treated.”

The Female Medical Institution in this city commenced in 1848, with a class of twelve pupils and two Lecturers, Enoch C. Rolfe, M.D., and Wm. M. Cornell, M. D. It has had seven semi-annual terms, of three months each. The pupils have numbered over sixty, and have come from all the New England States, New York, and Ohio.

The larger part of the pupils, having attended chiefly to the department of Obstetrics with its collateral duties, are already somewhat extensively employed, having attended in the aggregate some fifteen hundred cases, and with a remarkable degree of success. One in this city attended *eighty-one* cases in 1851 ; whereas, according to the statistics, the average number attended by the physicians here, in the same period, cannot have exceeded sixteen.

The preference for female practitioners is constantly increasing, and some of those located in this city have been on professional visits fifty, a hundred, and even two hundred miles distant. Others of the pupils are studying with a view to become thoroughly qualified Female Physicians, and thus be able to administer to their own sex, and to enlighten them in relation to the principles of health, and the means of preventing and relieving sickness and suffering. There will not be wanting women of talent, education, Christian principle, and true refinement, to volunteer where duty, humanity, and propriety so emphatically call. And large numbers of such are and will be needed to furnish and continue a supply in New England alone.

As intended at the commencement, and as indicated in the Constitution and Charter of the Society, the institution has, in the process of development, arrived at the condition of a fully appointed Female Medical College, with the usual number of Professors for the various departments of a complete and thorough medical education.*

THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THE COLLEGE. The residence of Dr. Winslow Lewis, (President of the Boylston Medical School,) at the foot of the Common, corner of Boylston and Carver Streets, was leased, August 1, 1850, to the F. M. E. Society, for the use of the Female Medical College, during Dr. L.'s absence in Europe, for two or more years. Dr. Lewis left his house, as occupied by himself, completely and elegantly furnished throughout; his office, containing a choice Medical Library of about three thousand volumes, and of six thousand dollars value, some volumes of plates costing over a hundred dollars each.

To place the Institution on a permanent basis, the Society propose to raise, as soon as possible, *One Hundred Thousand Dollars*†—the amount specified in the Act of Incorporation; a portion to provide a building for the College and Hospital, a library, anatomical and physiological, chemical and philosophical apparatus, &c., &c., and the remainder to constitute a fund to support the Hospital. The tuition-money will be needed to defray the expense of instruction. Should a hundred, or two hundred thousand dollars be needed, it will be a

* "LETTER TO LADIES, IN FAVOR OF FEMALE PHYSICIANS, for their own Sex, by Samuel Gregory, A. M., Secretary of the Female Medical Education Society."

The above is the title of a pamphlet of 48 pages, advocating the objects of the Society, and containing much interesting historical and other information, relating to the past and the present, to our own and other countries. It can be had of the Secretary, or of the Treasurer, John P. Jewett, at his Bookstore, 17 Cornhill. Price 12½ cts. single; 16 copies, \$1; \$6 a hundred.

There is need of more information, especially among the women of the community, in reference to the safety, practicability, and reasonableness of introducing females into the medical profession; and that the above-named pamphlet may be useful in this respect, seems to be the opinion of very many good judges.

Mrs. Emma Willard, of Troy, N. Y., writes, "Having just found time to peruse your interesting 'Letter to Ladies,' I am ready to say that I heartily approve your views."

Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, in a Note to the Secretary, inclosing her fee of life-membership, \$20, says, "Of the 'Letter to Ladies' it is impossible to speak too highly."

Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, of Philadelphia, in the Lady's Book, for last August, says, "We have also a pamphlet written by the able and earnest Secretary of the Female Medical Education Society, from which we will give an extract, in order to induce our readers to send for the whole. It ought to be circulated throughout the Union."

The Boston Traveller says, "Though this is but a pamphlet, it is a publication of more interest and importance than are most of the large volumes presented for our notice."

The Boston Post says, "We cheerfully notice the publication of this interesting Letter on an interesting subject."

The Northern Christian Advocate, Auburn, N. Y., says, "The author of this work has performed a service for humanity. * * * * * Thousands and hundreds of thousands should read this little work, and shape their course accordingly."

The National Era, Washington, D. C., says, "This Letter should be in the hands of every American woman."

† A SUBSCRIPTION OF \$50,000. The following conditional paper is to be circulated for signatures. Should any persons to whom this Report may be sent desire to subscribe, they will confer a favor by signifying the sum to the Treasurer or Secretary. It is hoped that the completion of the amount may be announced in the Society's next annual report.

We, the subscribers, agree to pay to the Treasurer of the Female Medical Education Society, the sums affixed to our names, for providing, in Boston, a suitable building or buildings for a Female Medical College and Hospital, together with a library, anatomical and physiological, chemical and philosophical apparatus, &c., whenever the sums subscribed shall amount to Fifty Thousand Dollars.

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trifling sum compared with the peculiar importance of the object, and the ability of the public.

When the College and Hospital shall be fully established, they will not be inferior to any institutions of the kind in Europe; where they are provided by the governments of the various countries.

One well-provided establishment of the kind will be sufficient for the whole of New England, and, if necessary, accommodate pupils from other sections of the country. It will be for the advantage of the whole Commonwealth, and of New England, to have it located in Boston, on account of convenience of access, and because it requires a large city to furnish the Hospital with patients. Hence persons out of Boston, and of the State, will of course be disposed to aid.

The Hospital will not only serve for educational purposes, by affording the pupils practical knowledge, but will be a most important charitable institution, for the accommodation of large numbers of *virtuous* poor women, who now have to pass their critical periods amid poverty and distress in damp and unwholesome residences of the city.

There may also be suitable apartments which ladies of ample means, but limited accommodations in their "boarding places," would desire to occupy, on account of the superior qualifications of the presiding professional women and the nurses, and the accumulation of conveniences and resources for all ordinary and extraordinary circumstances.

The department for the treatment of female diseases, by learned and skillful Doctresses, will be resorted to, for early advice and prompt relief, by thousands whose cases would be past remedy before they would apply to male physicians for confidential consultation and familiar treatment.

It is very important that this Hospital should be commenced as soon as possible, as the pupils of the College need *practice*, in connection with their study and lectures. A dwelling house of fifteen or twenty rooms would answer for the present; and the Society only needs the means, to rent such a one immediately.

LEGISLATIVE AID. Very many of the patrons of the Society and others have expressed the desire that the Legislature should aid the association in establishing its institution, which is now very much limited in its operations and usefulness, by the want of funds. While large sums are appropriated for the *cure* of insanity, idiocy, and various other physical infirmities and sufferings, it seems important that a little should be done on the more humane and economical principle, that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."*

The diffusion of sanitary and curative knowledge among the female portion of the community, on whom mainly depends the preservation of

* The Legislature very wisely took an initiatory step in this direction by the appointment, in 1849, of a Sanitary Commission, to report a plan for promoting the public health, with such information as might illustrate the subject. This Commission consisted of Lemuel Shattuck, Nathaniel P. Banks, Jr., and Jehiel Abbott. The Chairman devoted much time and labor to the subject, and prepared and presented to the Legislature, in 1850, a Report of 544 octavo pages, embracing a vast amount of valuable information, collected in this country and from Europe, and recommending measures which, if adopted and carried into practice, would greatly add to the productive capital, and resources of the State, by the increase of public and personal health, and by a proportional diminution of the expenditures and sufferings that physical infirmity and imbecility entail upon families and the community.

the health of the race, will do much to check the progress of that physical degeneracy which is filling our State with hospitals of all descriptions.

The fact that so many intelligent persons, of all parties, denominations and classes, have given the Society their aid and influence, and, after so long a time, no objections have been brought against the object, may fairly be considered equivalent to a general expression of public sentiment in favor of aid from the State.

And, furthermore, the demand for female physicians has become so urgent, that incompetent women are assuming the responsible office, and the question is no longer, whether there shall be such a class of persons, but whether they shall be properly educated. Hence, pecuniary aid from some source is indispensable, not only to promote the public good, but to prevent a public evil.

The Society petitioned the Legislature for aid at the session of 1851. The Committee on Education presented an able and elaborate report in favor of the objects of the Society, and of a grant in aid of its funds. The subject was discussed in the Senate during an entire session, and a strong interest was manifested in it as being a matter of great public importance; but from the fact that some of the friends of the object were influenced by considerations of State economy, and others could not agree as to the source from which the grant should come, there was a majority of five votes against the passage of the Resolve. Some of the members who did not vote for the appropriation gave money for the object; one afterwards stated that, if he had known at the time what he had since learned, he should not have opposed the grant; and another who voted in the negative afterwards remarked, on becoming better acquainted with the merits of the question, that the Resolve ought to have passed.

The petitioners thought it best to postpone further action in reference to the subject, till the present session of 1852. And as the Directors of the Society have now renewed their petition, it is hoped that the object may commend itself to the favorable consideration of the Legislature.

There can hardly be a doubt that the Society's institution will in due time become a favorite with the wealthy; and should the Legislature set the example, individuals of wealth and benevolence will be likely to coöperate and complete the establishment and endowment of the College and Hospital.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

The Directors regret to be again obliged to caution the public against a Mrs. Hellen Maria Gassett *alias* Hellen Maria Rice, who, under the former name, was recommended to the Society, and was for a time employed as an agent, but was found unworthy of confidence, and dismissed. Still continuing to collect, she was, in May last, advertised, but has since been heard of in various places, obtaining money by representing herself as having been unjustly treated by the Society, and by other pretences. By obtaining contributions from many respectable persons and using their names in her subscription book she has, it is believed, been very successful in imposing upon people. She is a woman of middle age, medium stature, light complexion, a fluent talker, and well calculated to deceive. Persons who have been or may be applied to by her, will do the public a service by reporting her to some one of the Directors of the Society.

N. E. FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE.

TERMS.—The Ninth Term will commence on Wednesday, November 3, 1852, and continue four months; at which period of the year will the Annual Term continue to be hereafter, namely, four months commencing on the first Wednesday of November.

Permanent arrangements have not been made for filling the Professorships, but the Course of Lectures and the Fees will correspond with the following, which is a mutual arrangement entered into between the Officers of the New England Female Medical College, and those of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, for a Term to commence February 16, 1852, and continue four months.

PROFESSORS.

N. R. MOSELEY, M. D., Anatomy and Surgery.
J. S. LONGSHORE, M. D., Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children.
M. W. DICKESON, M. D., *Materia Medica* and Pharmacy.
ABRAHAM LIVEZEY, M. D., Principles and Practice of Medicine.
WM. M. CORNELL, M. D., Physiology, Hygiene, and Med. Jurisprudence.
ENOCH C. ROLFE, M. D., Chemistry.
HANNAH E. LONGSHORE, M. D., Demonstrator of Anatomy.

The four first and the last named persons are from the Philadelphia Female Medical College.

FEES.—Matriculation Fee, \$5.00. To each of the Six Professors, \$10.00. Demonstrator's Fee, \$5.00. Graduation Fee, \$20.00.

BOARD.—Medium price of Board, in the city, \$3.00 per week.

TEXT BOOKS.—The pupils can select from the following: *Anatomy*, Wilson, Horner, Quain and Sharpey. *Physiology*, Carpenter, Oliver, Müller. *Obstetrics*, Dewees, Churchill, Meigs, Chailly, Velpeau. *Diseases of Women*, Meigs, Dewees, Madames Boivin and Lachapelle. *Materia Medica*, Perreira, Royle, U. S. Dispensatory. *Surgery*, Druitt, Cooper, Liston, Velpeau, Furguson. *Chemistry*, Silliman, Turner, Stockhardt, Christison, or Taylor on Poisons.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION.—The candidates for Medical Diplomas must be at least twenty-one years of age, must have pursued the study of medicine three years, two of which must have been under the supervision of a respectable Practitioner of Medicine, and must have attended two full Courses of Lectures, one of which must have been at this Institution. The pupils can receive private instruction from the Professors during the portion of the year not included in the Term.

OBSTETRICS.—Suitable women can receive a course of education for this department of practice; to obtain Certificates for which, they must have studied at least one year, including a Term in this Institution, and must pass a satisfactory examination in Anatomy and Physiology, in Midwifery, and the Diseases of Women and Children.

NURSES.—Courses of instruction will be given to Nurses of the Sick; and when the Hospital shall have been started, they will have opportunity to acquire a practical, as well as a theoretical knowledge of their duties.

ANY LADY, desirous of obtaining physiological, sanitary, and curative knowledge, can procure a Ticket to the Lectures of any one or more of the Professors. Thus the female portion of the community and, consequently, the public generally will receive the benefits of the Institution.

Further particulars may be learned of the Secretary or Treasurer, at No. 17 Cornhill, Bookstore of John P. Jewett & Co.

To the FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY the foregoing REPORT is respectfully presented.

TIMOTHY GILBERT, *President*.

SAMUEL GREGORY, *Secretary*.

BOSTON, February 16, 1852.